

# POLICE MAY RAID UNLICENSED CLUBS.

Caterers Own Bar Privileges and Get Profits Out of Sales to Members.

Discovery by the Corporation Counsel Leads to a New Ruling on Social Organizations.

DRINKERS NOT IN PARTNERSHIP.

Dealers Would Never Think of Suing a Club if Liquors Ordered by the Caterer Were Not Paid For by Him.

Nearly every one of the fashionable and exclusive clubs of New York is liable to be raided by the police next Sunday, or at any hour during the night, when the sale of liquor is prohibited by the Raines law. Such is the opinion of Assistant Corporation Counsel Dean.

When the Court of Appeals decided that clubs are exempt from the liquor tax, it was on the theory that liquor is not sold in the clubs, but is distributed to the members, each one paying his share in proportion to the amount he drinks. With such a basis clubs would be exempt under the law, but New York clubs do not do business in that way.

Of all the big social organizations, there is scarcely one which maintains its own sidewalk or bar. In nearly every one the liquor privilege is sold to the caterer, who supplies his own stock and recoups himself for his expenditure and makes his profit on the sales made to club members. Such a status, Mr. Dean holds, renders the club liable to a raid at any time liquor is sold in violation of the Raines law.

"Any club which transfers in any way its liquor privilege to any person becomes, by that act, a saloon, in so far that it is under the provisions of the Raines law," said Assistant Corporation Counsel Dean. "In the first place, the framers of the law, by apt words, endeavored to include clubs in the provisions of the measure. They did not succeed, for the Court of Appeals held that where liquors were bought by a club and sold only to members it was not necessary for the club to pay a license tax. This decision was on the ground that the club did not sell the liquors for profit to the general public and only distributed them to members. It was on the same principle that a man might buy a bottle of whiskey, keep it in his room and every time he takes a drink put 10 cents in a drawer to cover the cost of the liquor. It would be ridiculous to demand of him that he take out a liquor license. Clubs were supposed by the court to do business in that way. If, on the other hand, they sell or lease their liquor privilege, they are put on the same basis as a saloon, and the man who sells the liquor must comply with the provisions of the Raines law."

"There is scarcely a club in New York which does not sell or lease its liquor privilege," said Morris Tekulsky, of the firm of Gardner, Williams & Co. "The liquors, of course, are delivered at the clubhouse, but the orders are given by the caterers of the clubs. Every dealer recognizes the fact that the clubs are not responsible, and if the goods should not be paid for, they would not attempt to sue the club, but would begin action against the caterer."

"There is not a fashionable club in New York which buys its own liquor," said another wholesale dealer. "Every one of them sells the liquor privilege to the caterer and he buys the goods and makes the profits. I have been selling liquors for club use for years and I have never yet had the name of a club on my books. It was not long ago that I did not get pay for liquor delivered to two of the richest clubs in this city. I could not sue them, for I had not sold them the liquor; I had sold it to the caterer, who, in this case, owned the liquor privilege at both clubs. I sued him, and because he did not pay the bills he failed to get a renewal of his privilege."

**YOUNG MR. RAINES'S BERTH**  
Represents the Bond Company Preferred by Excise Commissioner Lyman as Surety for Liquor Sellers.

Charles T. Raines is a very busy young man. He is a son of Senator Raines, whose liquor tax bill was made a law by the Legislature. That law is in force, and young Mr. Raines is feeling its effect.

Young Mr. Raines is connected with the Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland. So is young Mr. Platt, the liquor tax law, which young Mr. Raines's father



Louise Bohnstd, Who Is Charged With Picking Pockets.

Although only twelve years old, she was arrested for picking pockets in a Third Avenue dry goods store. Her methods were unique. In a basket she carried valuable booty. The police have not been able to find her parents.

led the stranger through the lower floors in search of young Mr. Raines.

"Say, where is Raines? Here's a man wants a bond," said the energetic pilot to another man. When it was found that Mr. Raines had gone out to lunch, the brown-mustached man seemed depressed. He was reluctant to lose the prospective bond-seeker.

"Now, don't go away," he said. "Mr. Raines will be back. He's always around here. You can't miss him. If you want a bond, he will attend to it for you."

Within a few minutes a young man with a light mustache was pointed out as Mr. Raines. He had hurried back from his lunch to resume business. He is a modest and genial young man, and all the attaches of the office seemed to know the Court House representative of the Platt company.

"I am really connected with the judicial department of the Fidelity Company," said Mr. Raines. "It is a mistake to think I have only entered its employ. Why, I have been with it since August."

## FIRST STEEL CANAL BOATS.

Fleet Reaches This City from Cleveland Loaded with Steel Wire Nails.

The first fleet of steel canal boats from Cleveland, Ohio, reached this city yesterday after a ten-days' voyage. There were six boats in the fleet, including the boat equipped with steam power which towed the entire convoy. Included in the cargo were 250,000 pounds of steel wire nails for export to Japan and a quantity of paraffine for export to Germany.

E. P. Wheeler, manager of the Cleveland Steel Canalboat Company, which owns the boats, said that the trip had been made in ten days. He further stated that Cleveland is bidding for the grain trade through from St. Louis points. This grain, he contends, can be shipped cheaper by way of Cleveland than from Buffalo or Newport News.

# HER BABY FACE MASKED A THIEF.

Louise Bohnstd Caught Stealing from Store Counters and Picking Pockets.

Artless Ways of a Twelve-Year-Old Girl Enabled Her to Play the Basket Trick.

THIRTY DOLLARS BOOTY IN ONE DAY.

Identity of Her Parents a Mystery—Fictitious Addresses Given the Gerry Society and Police—Pleaded Not Guilty and Remanded.

Pretty little twelve-year-old Louise Bohnstd, who, with her baby face and big blue eyes, surmounting her snow-white dress and dainty silver-buckled shoes, might serve a painter as a model for "Innocence," was yesterday charged in Yorkville Police Court with petty larceny. Special Detective Oestreicher, of an uptown dry goods store, caught her in the act of stealing from the store counters and picking pockets on Tuesday evening.

The little golden-haired girl in white is responsible for a number of thefts that have been reported in the store during the last three weeks, and says it is evident the child has been carefully trained as a thief.

Many customers have recently complained that their pocketbooks have disappeared while shopping in the store, and all have noticed the presence of a little girl, in seeming confirmation of the fact, immediately before their loss.

When little Louise entered the store Tuesday afternoon Oestreicher kept close watch upon her movements. She carried a wicker basket on her arm and stared about in apparent childish wonderment at the goods displayed, but the detective noticed that she bumped her basket against the place where women keep their pockets, and after they had quickly turned in suspicion and satisfied themselves of the innocent nature of their seemingly unconscious neighbor the girl deftly slid her hand into their pockets and quietly passed along. The jewelry counter next attracted the attention of little Louise, and here she contrived to cleverly slip some little articles into her basket, unseen by the shop girl in attendance.

After the store detective had led her back to the office he asked her why she had tried to look over the shoulders of the shoppers.

"To see if they have got it in their hands," was the artless reply, the inference being that if a woman carried her pocketbook it was useless to explore her pockets.

Previous to her arrest, Oestreicher caught a \$5 bill in her hand, but when she was searched this could not be found. In her basket, however, were one gold and one silver ring, two gold pins and a bundle of whitebonnets, all stolen from the store; in addition to two empty pocketbooks, a roll of silk, a pair of shoes, and a quantity of various articles, valued at \$30, all evidently the result of raids in other stores.

She was handed over to the Gerry Society, and Agent Schmidt strove to glean her history. She would only say that she was not guilty, that her father was a tinsmith, and her mother a washwoman. She gave her address as No. 142 East Eighty-ninth street. This proved to be false.

When arraigned before Magistrate Cornell yesterday morning, she said she lived at No. 1573 Third Avenue, but had only been there one day. At that address nothing was known of her. She was well dressed in a clean white frock, with lace collar and cuffs, patent leather shoes with silver buckles, black stockings and a sailor hat with white silk band. She did not cry or appear to be at all concerned by the proceedings.

Magistrate Cornell remanded her in charge of the Gerry Society until this morning at 10 o'clock, when an effort will be made to secure the attendance of her parents.

## TO COMPEL FITCH TO PAY.

Police Board Demands That Members of the Department Who Advanced Funds Shall Be Reimbursed.

Justice Trux yesterday issued an order directing Comptroller Fitch to show cause why a peremptory writ of mandamus should not be issued to compel him to draw his warrant on the City Chamberlain for \$9,416.53, payable to Treasurer Andrews of the Police Board. The application for the order says that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment transferred the amount to the Contingent Headquarters Fund, but that the Comptroller refuses to draw his warrant on the ground that the purpose for which the Police Board intends to use it is not authorized by law. The writ is returnable to-morrow in Special Term of the Supreme Court.

Commissioner Andrews had a conference with Mayor Strong a few days ago on the subject, and it was understood that the Executive would do all in his power to see that the Police Department received the account.

"The whole matter is a tempest in a teapot," said Police Commissioner Parker. "The Comptroller said he wanted a legal decision on our right to the money, so we turned the papers over to the Corporation Counsel ten days ago, but he has been very busy, and the matter has dragged. It will, however, be decided before any harm will be done for the want of the money. There is nothing legally to prevent the Parkhurst Society from loaning the money, if it was necessary. It would not be loaned officially to the city, but to individual members of this department, who would return it when the city reimbursed them."

Dr. Parkhurst said the mere idea of the work of the Police Department being hindered for lack of funds was a disgrace to a city.

"We were informed," he said, "that evidence in certain cases could not be had, because the fund for the pay of the men employed was exhausted, and it was this that led the City Vigilance League to start to raise a police fund of \$2,000. I am aware that some members of the department have put their hands in their pockets to defray expenses in some cases, and they certainly should be reimbursed."

**Carpenter to Be Librarian.**  
Ex-Police Captain Edward B. Carpenter, who was sentenced on Tuesday to three months at Blackwell's Island, will act as librarian of the prison library. Clean shaven and in prison uniform he began work yesterday. He told Warden Phillips that he preferred not to see even members of his family and he refused to see any one else.



Miss Stella Leigh, Soon to be Mrs. Ross.

She is one of the original barefoot Trilby fancy dancers, and her sister Edna will now have to do a pas seul, as Miss Stella is going to marry Charles Ross, son of a rich livery stable keeper. He won her by sending roses across the footlights, the stems of which were thornless after the first night, when, not being manufactured, the pink feet of the pretty dancers were cruelly punctured by stepping on them.

# MANICURED ROSES CAUGHT ONE TRILBY.

Charley Ross's First Tributes to Barefoot Stella Leigh Had Thorns on Them.

But When the Florist Used His Pruning Knife, Love Grew Out of the Flowers.

AND NOW THEY ARE TO BE MARRIED.

Stage Will Lose a Favorite, and Edna Leigh Her Dancing Partner, but Mrs. Ross Will Have Her Horses and Carriages.

Of course "Trilby" is responsible for the whole affair. If Du Maurier hadn't written his famous story, Edna Leigh would not have invented the Trilby dance and Charley Ross might still be heart whole and fancy free, for everybody says it was that style of terpsichorean gyrations which brought him to the feet of Edna's pretty sister Stella. Not that Edna isn't pretty also, but Stella had a sort of hypnotic effect upon the son of the wealthy livery stable keeper, and as Chevalier would say, "she'll be Mrs. 'Awkins," when the roses are in bloom.

And speaking of roses, they came near interrupting the course of true love at its very inception. The Leigh sisters had not long been doing their sensational Trilby dance on the Casino roof garden last Summer, when young Ross, attracted by its widespread fame, dropped in, or rather, on the roof one night, saw it and was conquered by the pretty pink toes of Stella as she prouetted in the barefoot dance. In the wild exuberance of his spirits he purchased roses recklessly and scattered them on the stage, forgetful of the fact that thorns go with roses.

The sisters bounded on the stage in response to an uproarious encore executed three or four pas seals, then stopped abruptly and hobbled off to their dressing rooms to pick thorns out of their feet. That evening Mr. Ross sought and obtained an introduction to the sisters and made abject apologies. He was forgiven.

The next night he scattered more roses, but took care to see they were properly manicured.

That was the beginning of the courtship.

a thing of the immediate future. Edna, who looked after the business interests of the firm, contracted for appearances throughout the Summer. She had, in fancy, laid by a snug sum of money and was dreaming of new frocks and gloves galore, when her air castles were rudely shattered.

A week ago Saturday night the sisters danced at the Trocadero. Stella was more than usually agile and her pretty face was aglow with excitement. There was an unusual supply of manicured roses, and when Stella clung to Edna's waist to be carried on the stage behind the umbrella, her grasp was fervid. When they reached home that night Stella flung herself into a chair and said gleefully:

"Well, Edna, I've made my last appearance on the stage."

"What?" shouted Edna, scarcely believing she had heard aright.

"I'm through dancing," was the smiling reply. "Charley and I are to be married soon, and he wants me to leave the stage. I've promised to do so and there you are, girls!"

**KISSED AND MADE UP.**

"But our contracts—the engagements we've made—why you're only a child," exclaimed Edna.

"The contracts will have to be broken, and as for my being a child, I'm nineteen and know what I'm about," pouted Stella. There was little sleep in the Leigh flat on Saturday night, that night. Both girls remained indoors all next day because their noses were so red.

It was some days before the family became reconciled and serene. Edna stopped crying only when her tear ducts became dry. Then she powdered her nose, kissed Stella and wished her happiness.

"It's about time," said the prospective bride. "I declare, if you had kept on crying for another day I would have flung Charley and gone back to the stage with you."

Then Edna bitterly reproached the treacherous tears which failed her just as victory was about to be won. As it is, she has accepted the inevitable and devotes her spare time to practicing solo dances with a view of going it alone during the season.

**FUNERAL OF W. S. SLOAN.**

The funeral of William S. Sloan, second vice-president of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, took place yesterday morning from the South Reformed Church, Madison Avenue and Thirty-eighth Street. A large number of representative railroad officials were present, and among them were Chauncey M. Depew and Cornelius Vanderbilt. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Terry, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Hulse. The funeral party left the Grand Central Depot at 11:30 o'clock for Garrison, N. Y., where the burial took place.

# TO FLASH A MESSAGE AROUND THE WORLD.

Arrangements Being Perfected for a Test of Telegraphy Saturday.

Progress of the Dispatch Will Be Marked on a Huge Map of the Globe.

EDISON AND DEPEW TO ASSIST.

Electricians Greatly Interested in the Remarkable Experiment, Nothing Like Which Has Ever Been Attempted.

The Smithsonian Institute has made a request for the original messages that will be sent around the world on Saturday night at the Electrical Exhibition. The first message will consist of 250 words, written by Chauncey Depew. A. B. Chandler, president of the Postal Telegraph Company, will send the message and after it has gone around the world it will be received by Thomas A. Edison, President Edward D. Adams, of the Niagara Power Company, will reply to Mr. Depew's message and Edison will send it, and Mr. Chandler receive it at the other end of the wire.

The first message will be sent by Mr. Depew when he begins his speech from the first balcony of the big hall. As the telegraph instrument clicks out the first letter, an arrow of electric light in a Moore tube will be formed showing that the message is being sent. While Mr. Chandler is sending the message the band will play "Hail Columbia." When the message is reported back by the cable company at London, a peg will be stuck in a mammoth map of the world, showing that it has reached British soil. The peg will be the signal for the band to play "God Save the Queen."

By cable from London the message will go to Lisbon. The peg will be moved and the time in New York noted on the map, while the Portuguese national air will be played. From Lisbon the message will go to Suez; from Suez, via Bombay, Madras, Ceylon, Melbourne and Madagascara, to Good Hope. From Good Hope, via the African coast line to Algiers, and from there to Pernambuco, Buenos Ayres and up the Pacific coast cable to the City of Mexico. From the Mexican capital the message will go to San Francisco, and reach New York via Vancouver, St. John and Newfoundland. As the message is reported back from every place the band will play the national air of the country from which the message is reported. When the instrument at which Mr. Edison is seated commences to tick the band will play "Johnny Comes Marching Home."

Mr. Adams will read the message and send the reply while the band plays the "Star-Spangled Banner." The reply will, it is thought, reach Mr. Depew as he finishes his speech.

This message will traverse 25,000 miles of wire, which is the longest distance a telegram was ever sent. In each town through which it passes a telegraph operator will be on duty to copy it as it goes over the wire and give it to the public. Besides the original message, the Smithsonian Institute will secure a copy of every paper in the world in which the message is printed. What time it will take to travel late and send the message can scarcely be figured on with any degree of accuracy, although it is thought two hours will be required for the message and reply.

According to telegraph authorities, but two messages have ever been sent over anything like the distance that this will cover. One of these two messages was sent by the Prince of Wales from London to India, and the other by the police of St. Louis to Australia at the time of the celebrated Preller murder by Hugh Brooks Maxwell in the Southern Hotel of St. Louis. The last one was translated into seventeen languages before it reached its destination, and cost over \$3,000.

## COMING EVENTS.

The last meeting of the New York Sunday School Association for the season will be held on Broadway May 15.

Miss Susan E. Blow will lecture at Teachers' College at 3 p. m. on Saturday on the "Mother and Home Under" under the auspices of the New York Free Kindergarten Association and the Kindergarten Union.

The Ladies' Health Protective Association of the City of New York will hold its next convention at the Academy of Medicine, No. 17 West Forty-third Street, to-day and to-morrow. May Strong, as the presiding officer, will make the opening address. Short addresses will also be delivered by C. S. Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt, George Waring, Jr., and others.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the New York Library Club will be held in the library of the Young Men's Christian Association, No. 7 East Fifth Avenue, this afternoon. G. A. Nelson will make an address, in which he will give the history of the club.

The members of the Lorch Comedy Company will produce the "Arabian Nights" at Harbottle Hall, Fifth Avenue and Seventeenth Street, to-night, under the auspices of the Carlsby Club. The proceeds of the play are to be devoted to the Church of the Holy Communion.



Charles T. Raines, the Senator's Son in Characteristic Poses

Under the Raines Liquor Tax law saloon keepers must furnish bonds. Thomas C. Platt's son, F. H. Platt, and Senator Raines's son are interested in the Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland, which is in the business of furnishing bonds, and has the favor of the Excise Commissioner Lyman.



## COHEN DIVORCE SECRETS.

In the trial of the case yesterday, ex-Detective Waldman testified that at the instance of Dr. Parkhurst and John W. Goff, he visited as many as twenty-eight hotels a night, in the company of women, during the Lexow committee investigation. Lawyer Loew accused Mrs. Cohen, the defendant, of attempt to blackmail Mrs. Kattenfoll, and intimated that he knew much more about her.

Mr. Ross was an ardent suitor. He was formally presented to Mother Leigh, escorted Stella home from the theatre every night and acted generally the part of a cavalier. When the sisters travelled around the country, young Ross followed through the agency of Uncle Sam's postal service. While he was accepted as a suitor, it was tacitly understood that marriage was not

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